SUBJECT No. 245.

Increased grant to (*a*) village schools with trained teachers, (*b*) aided schools.

(*a*) Mr. M. G. Shamiengar, Sree Yadugiri Sadananda Vardhini Sabha, Melkote.

(*b*) Mr. M. Venkatakrishnaiya, Mysore City Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) The village schools do not possess trained teachers and the grant they receive is very small. If passed candidates having received training in the Lower Secondary training class keep village schools, the rate of grant may be increased a little to encourage them. A scale of remuneration in coin or kind payable by people may also be fixed.

(*b*) The grants to aided schools may be increased.

Mr. Singri Nanjappa.—Grants may be given for meeting the cost of prizes to pupils in aided schools.

Reply of Government.—The revision of the grant-in-aid rules is under consideration. The suggestions will be noted.

SUBJECT No. 246.

Kannada Lower Secondary training classes to be opened at district headquarters.

Mr. M. G. Shamiengar, Sree Yadugiri Sadananda Vardhini Sabha, Melkote.

Summary of discussion.—As the number of trained teachers is not sufficient, it is prayed that Kannada Lower Secondary training schools with agricultural farms attached to them may be opened at every district headquarter for some years at least.

It is also prayed that those who undergo training under teachers in Anglo-Vernacular schools may be permitted to appear for the Lower Secondary Training Examination and that those who have passed Lower Secondary Examination to appear for Lower Secondary Training Examination by private study.

Reply of Government.—The question of increasing the number of Government training schools and of establishing a test for pupils trained in such schools and private institutions will be considered.

SUBJECT No. 247.

Grants to school gymnasiums.

Mr. M. Venkatakrishnaiya, Mysore City Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—Grants may be given to all the school-gymnasia in the State. Grants must be made conditional on schools being provided with gymnasia and play-grounds being attached to the schools. If it is considered that such a rule will work hardship if brought into force at once, it may be ruled that grants will be discontinued if the condition is not complied within, say, five years.

Mr. V. Raghavachar.—A rule, as proposed, is quite impracticable as it will affect the very existence of a large number of schools.

Reply of Government.—Noted. Provision can be made in the new grant-in-aid rules.

SUBJECT No. 248.

Establishment of free public libraries.

Mr. Surasastri, Chikballapur taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Free public libraries may be established in all towns where there are high schools.

Reply of Government.—Noted.